

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 16-18, 32 and 33 are amended. No new matter is added, as support for the amendments may be found in paragraphs [0022]-[0033] of the Applicants' disclosure. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Termanini in the January 10, 2008 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by "Lance Good & Benjamin B Bederson," published March 2002, <http://goodle.org/papers/counterpoint-infovis.pdf> (hereinafter "Good"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Good teaches the features as positively recited in the pending claims. However, Good cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the features as positively recited at least in amended independent claims 1, 16-18, 32 and 33. Specifically, Good does not teach, nor would it have suggested, synchronizing a layout by providing a plurality of synchronizations through the presentation information and at different levels of a hierarchy in the presentation information.

During the personal interview, the Examiner asserted that Good teaches both synchronization and path generation through presentation information, as shown in Fig. 2. Here, the Examiner asserted that Good shows an arc through each slide at a lowest level of a presentation, providing a synchronization or a path through those slides associated with a slide at a different zoom level or hierarchy level. However, this construction of paths by the Examiner shows only a link between slides at the same level of a hierarchy.

In contrast, the subject matter of the pending claims positively recites providing a plurality of synchronizations through the presentation information and at different levels of a hierarchy in the presentation information, as shown at least in Fig. 4, and further discussed in paragraphs [0022]-[0032] of the Applicants' disclosure. Here, multiple synchronizations are created in addition to a single path through the presentation information, where each synchronization groups presentation information corresponding to slides on corresponding levels. For example, a synchronization is provided through the "ISTL" topic through elements "Overview," "User Interface Research," "Natural Language," etc. Additionally, synchronizations are provided within each of the presentation information elements above. For example, "Overview" further comprises a synchronization including slides and further subtopics. This way, a user can visually discern synchronizations at multiple conceptual levels of a presentation, and select a proper level-based traversal through the presentation information, such as through only high-level topics, or by including further detail in all or part of a presentation by moving to a different level of the hierarchy, as discussed in paragraph [0039] of the Applicants' disclosure. Therefore, because Good fails to teach, nor would it have suggested, providing a plurality of synchronizations at different levels of a hierarchy as discussed above, Good cannot anticipate this feature.

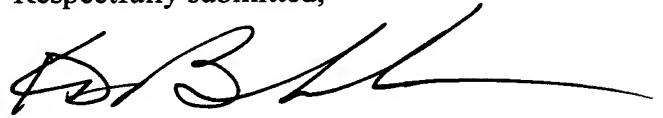
For at least the above reasons, Good cannot reasonably be considered to teach or suggest the features as positively recited in independent claims 1, 16-18, 32 and 33. Additionally, claims 2-15, 19-30 and 31 are also allowable at least for their dependence on allowable independent claims as enumerated above, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as enumerated in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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